



MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

April 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Elizabeth R. Feldman

COUNCILMEMBERS
Gregory G. Meyer Angelo A. Manicchio
Jennifer Fields-Tawil Matthew J. Weiss

I. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on April 8, 2025 at Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility 86-88 Spring Street – Ossining, New York, 10562 and via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman, Members of the Board present were: Deputy Supervisor Gregory G. Meyer, Councilmembers Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Angelo A. Manicchio and Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Deputy Town Clerk Jeaneth V. Guinansaca.

II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman said the following:

- The New York State Public Service Commission is reviewing Con Edison's proposed price increases, which, if approved, will raise all residential customers' bills by an obscene percentage. There will be Virtual Public Hearings that we encourage you to attend and make your voice heard. The next meetings will be on April 9th at 1pm and 5:30pm, please register online today at dps.ny.gov.
- We are thrilled to announce that two exceptional elementary teams from Ossining have won their state tournament in Destination Imagination, a prestigious project-based STEAM learning competition! This incredible achievement has earned them the opportunity to showcase their creative solutions on the global stage this May. There is a fundraiser going on in order to help get these kids to the grand finals in Kansas City. If you would like to donate or support, please reach out to ossiningdi@gmail.com.
- The Ossining Parks and Rec Department in conjunction with the Fire Department, will be running the "Big Bunny on the Fire Truck" Spring Parade! The parade is set to start at 9am Saturday, April 19th. The full route will be posted soon
- Westchester Collaborative Theater will be running a stand-up comedy night on Friday, April 11th at 8pm. The event will be hosted by John Guild and featuring comedians Joe Fernandes and Becky Veducchio. For more information, please visit wctheater.org.
- Star of Bethlehem will be running a Holy Week event from April 13th through April 20th. They will be hosting different programs throughout the week. Please check out their Facebook page for more information on when the different programs are happening!

- On Wednesday, April 23rd at 7pm the Ossining Public Library will be welcoming Raditia Lasry for an Author Visit to discuss her book “Be human, be happy, be you!”.
- Ossining Summer Camp registration is open! The camp runs from June 30th through August 8th. For more information regarding prices and registration please visit villageofossining.org.
- Westchester County is running a Free Tax Prep program currently running until April 15th. This program is open at 9 different locations including our very own Ossining High School and the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. For more information, please call 1-800-899-1479.
- Green Ossining’s 15th Annual Earth Day Festival is coming up soon! Join us on Saturday, April 26th from 10am to 6pm for food, activities, learning, live music and much more!
- Please remember Neighbors Link is a great source for information and community resources for our immigrant population. Please visit their website www.neighborslink.org and click Resources to register to attend informational webinars about Knowing Your Rights in English and in Spanish and to find contact information for trusted professionals.
- The New York State Attorney General has released a list of resources with the goal of protecting the rights of New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. For more information please visit, ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/immigrants-rights
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting many events including movies, craft events, meditation, tutoring, yoga, book clubs and more. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org for more information.
- The Loft LGBTQ+ Community Center has everything from events and programs to resources and presentations all dedicated to providing support to everyone who is a part of the LGBTQ+ Community, including many virtual and in person support groups and clubs for a multitude of different topics. Please check out their website at loftgaycenter.org for more information.
- There are many fun and interesting events being held locally, and you can look at the weekly Supervisor’s Update on the Supervisor’s webpage to see them.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on any of the resolutions on the agenda.

V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2025

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the March 25, 2025 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2025

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the April 1, 2025 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 8, 2025 in the amount of \$433,921.85.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining/30042 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Vanessa M. Pairis	2996	R12157722	Town Judge	1/1/25-12/31/28	7	4.01	☐	Bi-weekly	☐

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Sustainable Westchester, Inc.

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Sustainable Westchester, Inc. to allow the Town of Ossining to participate in the Westchester Power Community Choice Aggregation Program, commencing December 1, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Lease Agreement – Atlantic Tomorrow’s Office

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining retroactively authorizes the Budget Officer to sign a 60-month lease agreement with Atlantic Tomorrow’s Office, 134 W. 26th ST, New York, NY 10001 for a copier for the Highway Department.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Contracts – Senior Citizen Taxi Services

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign contracts with the following taxicab operators to participate in the Senior Citizen Taxi Services program for calendar year 2025:

- Aguila Taxi INC
- Amigos Taxi
- Briarcliff Taxi
- Brother's Taxi
- Ecu Taxi & Limo
- JBC Taxi Service
- L & L Safety Taxi
- Mary's Taxi
- Mommy's Taxi
- Spring Taxi
- Super Taxi
- Union Taxi

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Resolution – Ossining High School Parent, Teacher, Student Association Event

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, the Ossining High School Parent, Teacher, Student Association (“OHS PTSA”) is a not-for-profit organization devoted to supporting improved education and resources and safer schools in Ossining; and

WHEREAS, OHS PTSA submitted a special event permit application to the Town to hold an event on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Louis Engel Park with no admission charge that will include amplified music and food trucks; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the waiving of any fees associated with this OHS PTSA event, provided that OHS PTSA pays the Town \$300 to cover the overtime costs of the Town's Parks Department staff and adheres to the Town's insurance requirements and names the Town as an additional insured on its general liability policy.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Resolution – Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy Water Quality Study

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy (HVSC), a local not-for-profit organization, partnered with the Town of Ossining to conduct a water quality study at the Louis Engel Park beach and nearby areas with the purpose of exploring the feasibility of opening the beach to permitted public swimming and understanding the relative contributions from various nearby potential pollution sources; and

WHEREAS, the resulting report was submitted to the Westchester County Department of Health and they indicated that more than one season's data would be needed for any permitting determination; and

WHEREAS, HVSC conducted additional studies in 2023 and 2024 and has offered to conduct another study in 2025 with no labor cost to the town; and

WHEREAS, there are costs associated with the samples being tested by the certified Westchester County laboratories, as well as other incidental materials needed such as reagents for the HVSC laboratory analysis of

additional samples for this study, ice for sample transporting, fuel for transport to the lab, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the benefit of exploring the feasibility of permissible public swimming in conjunction with the Town’s ongoing process of envisioning future usage of the Ossining waterfront, and the value of HVSC procuring the samples at no cost to the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, as part of the water quality study, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town to pay Westchester County Laboratories for the sample testing in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 and to reimburse Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy and its President, Gareth Hougham, for incidental costs actually incurred up to \$1,000 (with adequate documentation provided to substantiate those costs).

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio that the following monthly reports be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of March 2025:

- Dale Cemetery
- Highway Department
- Supervisor’s Office
- Tax Receiver

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on issues not relating to the agenda, but of relevance to the common good of the Town.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Contracts, Advice of Counsel and Pending Litigation and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

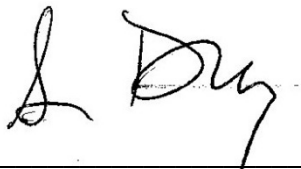
At 8:51 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:51 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk